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Committee on Dental Auxiliaries
Public Meeting Minutes
Sacramento, California
April 7, 2006

A public meeting of The Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) was held April 7, 2006 in the Greg Gorges Conference Room at the Department of Consumer Affairs Howe Avenue complex in Sacramento. Due notice had been sent to all known interested parties.

1. Call to order/Member roll call

Chairperson Shanda Wallace called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM. A quorum was established with all members present:

Shanda Wallace, RDH
Linda Gipson, RDH
Darla Dale, RDH
Teresita Churchill, RDA
Sonia Molina, DDS

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dale moved and Ms. Gipson seconded approval of the January 19, 2006 open session minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Wallace reported that she had attended the RDH instrumentation training class and a very productive RDH Subcommittee meeting in February. She announced that because Executive Officer (EO) Karen Wyant will retire May 2, the Committee announced the position, accepted applications, conducted interviews that morning, and selected a new EO. She said a public announcement would be forthcoming once the offer had been made and accepted.

4. Report of the Executive Officer

EO Karen Wyant, reported that the deadline to submit coronal polishing and radiation safety requirements was extended until May 1, 2006.

5. Legislation of Interest to COMDA

- a. AB1334
- b. SB 1541

Ms. Wyant reported that AB1334 which would eliminate the prescription requirement for RDHAPs, was in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development but as of March 20, had not been set for hearing.

SB1541, sponsored by the California Dental Association (CDA), would establish on the job training pathways to the three new dental assisting specialty license categories that will go into effect January 1, 2008 as a result of SB 1546. Discussion ensued and the members indicated that amendments would be desirable.

6. Review of RDA Educational Programs and Radiation Safety Courses/Recommendations to Board.

Recommendation for approval of the following programs and courses was moved by Ms. Gipson and seconded by Dr. Molina:

RDA Programs

- Bryman College, San Bernardino: provisional approval
- Maric College, Bakersfield: provisional approval
- Maric College, Clovis: provisional approval
- Valley Career College, El Cajon: provisional approval
- Western Career College, Citrus Heights: provisional approval

Radiation Safety Courses

- Dental Care Institute, Temple City: approval
- Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting, Valencia: approval

7. Status of implementation of SB 1546 (dental assisting scopes of practice)

Members Wallace and Molina will identify possible dates for meeting with the CDA & Dental Assisting Alliance to further discuss regulations to implement the provisions of SB 1546.

8. Delegation to Executive Officer of Referral of Program and Course Approvals to Dental Board Executive Officer.

The Committee discussed proposing a regulation that would expedite the RDA program and course approval process by delegating approval authority to the executive officers. It was moved by Ms. Gipson and seconded by Dr. Molina to recommend to the Dental Board that this regulation be developed.

9. Delegation to Chairperson to Appoint Interim Executive Officer pending Appointment of Permanent Executive Officer.

Dr. Molina moved that the Chairperson be delegated authority to appoint an interim Executive Officer from among the staff to serve following Ms. Wyant's retirement until such time as her successor joins the staff. The motion, seconded by Ms. Gipson, carried.

10. Agenda Items for future Meeting.

- Review Strategic Plan

11. Public Comment

Leslie Canon addressed the Committee.

12. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:00.